

<b>Title</b>	<b>Fungal / yeast</b>
<b>Specimen Requirements</b>	Specimen sample type pure culture. One specimen per infectious site. Pure culture on appropriate media slants / Sab Dextrose, BHI, Mycosel.
<b>Sampling Materials</b>	<p>1. Collection/Preservation: Organism must be kept at appropriate atmospheric conditions and temperature at 2-25C.</p> <p>2. Sample Container: Agar slant in screw cap tube at appropriate atmospheric conditions.</p>
<b>Procedural Notes</b>	<p>1. Be sure to properly label the specimen tube with at least the patient's name and date of collection.</p> <p>2. Check the expiration date on the tube to ensure product is acceptable and will continue to be acceptable once received at the ISDH laboratory.</p> <p>3. Category B UN3373, Triple contained in accordance with federal shipping regulations for diagnostic specimens. Handle as an infectious agent.</p> <p>Testing for suspected isolates of blastomycosis, coccidioidomycosis, and histoplasmosis can be identified by GenProbe. Other test or tests for agents not listed may be made by special arrangement.</p> <p>4. Complete an ISDH Mycology Test Request form for each specimen with the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name, birth date, and sex of patient</li> <li>Specimen type and date of specimen collection</li> <li>Date of symptom onset</li> <li>Suspected disease agent</li> <li>Other relevant information to help identification</li> <li>Submitting clinic name, address, phone number, fax number, contact name and email address (if available).</li> </ol>
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	<p>Triple contained in accordance with federal shipping regulations for diagnostic specimens.</p> <p>See procedural notes #3.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tighten the culture tube cap. Best to wrap parafilm around cap to help seal from any leakage.</li> <li>2. Label clearly on the outside of the sample tube with the patient name and collection date.</li> <li>3. Wrap this primary container with absorbent material. Place the primary container with absorbent material in the inner mailing container and tighten the cap securely.</li> <li>4. The completed ISDH Mycology Test request form may then be wrapped around the sealed inner container and together enclosed securely in an outer shipping container clearly labeled with senders name/address and recipients name/address.</li> <li>5. Do not send culture isolates on petri plates .</li> <li>6. If Coccidioides is suspected, then ship as an infectious agent biosafety level 3.</li> <li>7. Transport Temperature: 2-25 °C</li> </ol>
<b>Reporting and TAT</b>	<p>Test Turn Around Time: 4 weeks</p> <p>Reporting Method: Mail or fax.</p>